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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
DOUGLAS E. OTT, et al.	)	Group Art Unit 3763
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Serial No. 09/314,052	)	Examiner: M. Thompson
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Filed: May 18, 1999	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Sir:

In connection with the filing of the present Request for Continued Examination (RCE), the entry of the present amendment before examination is courteously requested. This amendment is presented on the basis of the claims presented in the amendment of January 19, 2004, since the claim amendments presented in the amendment of June 11, 2004 were refused entry.